My dear Mamma

Pray Florence to get [illegible] I see you don't wish me with you as much pleasure as I
use once the greatest pleasure - you do not know what to say to
what is falling off. "Love" - Ah! I suppose I shall be too gotten - when
I return and knock at my little door you will say - "What can you
please to have Sir?" - "Don't know you can" I say - Is Barker Sophie
Yes you are one of those nasty Italians that were against the
poor Poles - a pest on you all - "I have [illegible]" - well, well,
we shall see what sense does wonders. Yes if it should, change love it
will be wonderful. But then you do by change. - Thompson's feet
the heart rendered - but it is not so yet - my dear Parker is very
upon the with and Pictures grow me great wonderful - for myself
it is time that I should become tranquil attached to [illegible] but it takes
my whole pain of state from my dear Home - that is my heart
[illegible] upon [illegible] dearer [illegible] England. The pride I have for my father
the affection for my mother and the hope the great Being
who has supplied so many wants and given me Mind comforts - will
yet restore them to my longing hearts again not with a Rapture - but
happiness and [illegible] by the [illegible] and then under his
success will give - My Home will be [illegible] and then by [illegible]
father
will have taken in Englands town with [illegible] dear [illegible]
Brothers my Sisters will be in good health - and the [illegible]
[illegible] and my dear Mamma will be delighting [illegible]
while I am [illegible] - my dear Mamma will be [illegible]
tenderness [illegible] with dear Papa mixed by Brothers love and
Sisters [illegible] - Then more there is pictures for you - If it
should please God to [illegible] I shall submit to living [illegible] as
much happiness as should fall to the lot of one Human being
what it [illegible] - [illegible] provided I could give to others
of my poor unfortunate [illegible] - mild taste as much comfort as I have
- my [illegible] in Italy is another thing - it comes out of [illegible]

[illegible] Dear [illegible]

[illegible] Sir attacked [illegible] the Land of Christ Think not that
this can detract from the other

Tomorrow morning at 10 Oclock I set off for Venice - where not
to Rome I beg to go - be pleased always on my account to be good fellow
with the Lombardi Arms - love Raffy Lewis his fellowship his singing
his candour his experience - Look sweet his good heart - and comfort
them, that I never knew a time I left England
as Florence I shall make many studies in Venice from the
pictures - We return to Rome in 5 Weeks. - I have painted
19 pictures since in Florence - and made 60 drawings - for I
have been blessed with real health during this Summer which
is all I am about - the great part of these pictures are pre
parations for my large picture of Christ which I begin on
the 1st of June. The subject is "Lorenzo di Medici receiving
from Condemnation by his friends" This Lorenzo was the great
Florence Merchant about the time of our Henry 8th
he received the Arts - [illegible] Ready Ray is away to
Rome - Rome expresses an attempt on his life - from some
eminence who were jealous of his greatness - he was saved
by his friends who loved his life as [illegible] - why I take
this subject is Just - I am and any body is sick of Land and
water I am fond of Gothic fortunes - times and buildings - and
in this picture - I shall show what is the feeling of any one
heart - a Human Being - who has raised himself to be a
a pitch of good & greatness that his friends [illegible] his life
to save him - The Lords in the Gothic Cathedral of Florence -
Lorenzo is interested round by friends - his wife and son kissing
round him - his sister at his just dying from the Assassins wounds
when Death is forward to finish their deed - that Ray are stopped
and Lorenzo life is saved - among the large groups of Friends

introduce the portraits of Raphael — the greatest painter that ever
lived — Michiel Angelo — Leonardo Vinci — and many others of the
great time — as Lawrences Friends — for they were protected by him
— the assassins chose the time when the High Priest raised the
host — and the people were all praying — This subject is
very well known and admired by the English Nobility — it is found
to be told in Roscoes Life of Lorenzo de Medici — which is read
and admired by every body — It a subject quite new and very
finished in the drawing — the back ground from the actual spot —
my picture is 12 feet by 18 — and I hope it will quite establish
my fame — I shall begin next year doing it — You see my
dear Maria — I may still be doing more and more small pictures
without avail — they will never raise me in the Public eyes
— I am placed in a situation of great account — and I am de-
termined to fulfil all the expectations of this great
city I return to England with the time — therefore I do
not come empty handed — I will not come like a Student
but as a Painter — I shall exhibit this picture in Florence
first — I love his Music — surprises and delights me — I think there
is great promise in it — he is in the right way — his letter is very well
written — my brothers thank God will soon surpass me in each
thing — tell Charles I have heard "Don Giovanni" three times
here — for 3d a time — tell him in reading Opera Music
to hear as much as possible of Rossini — who understands
the stage and is the most complete Musician of the age —
What you say of Lord [illegible] acquaintance with Mr Gunn is very
agreeable — tell him to be acquainted with Mr Richards also
— who will introduce to somebody — he is a free admission into the
Opera — and at the Theatres this will be nice — I am expecting
my friend Mr Brown who wrote the famous Opera of "Narensky" which
Beethoven made the Music to — will come to either for my benefit

Jones took him home to wash him — after which I took a
Bowie's writing &c — Tells Peter I do not know any thing that will
remove hard varnish — with a small quantity of spirits of turpentine
the stain — according to the — Master Harwich may be rubbed off
with the finger with Powder — what, has still printer's printing — Peter
Instructs he thinks he is a famous contributor to Spectator &
Visitors — Mr Gentleman has seen Dr Clarke since — the

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Dr Clarke with him — Mr P. F. before Christmas — and to send
it forwardly — I wrote and such another communication — Mr
something wrong — some Mss for the Portfolio — I am continually
asked about Mss C. F. — tells Jones to send me some descriptions
and prices — not forgetting his own pocket — and also to present
my compliments & services to Mrs Peters — I wish he would help
to rouse them in any way — The Pope is dead — Pray say — that we